ARBORETUM

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Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653
February 9, 1978

Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, California 91006

Dear friends: Do you have any literature on the Chorisia tree, other than your booklet "Flowering Trees for Year-Round Color in Southern California" (which I have)? Or can you refer me to literature that I might find in the library? I want more particulars on the full life cycle of the tree, not just the beautiful flowers.

We have a number of these remarkable trees here in Leisure World, and my husband has taken photographs of them at all seasons. This year they are unusually heavily festooned with green pods. By June they should be quite a sight as thepods burst open.

I recall that Dr. Jean Delacour, former Director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History) used to refer to the Chorisias we have at the Museum as "kapok trees." I understand, however, that the genus Ceiba is more often used commercially for kapok, also the genus Bombax. I would like to understand more about this group, particularly the Chorisia, since that is the tree we have here in Leisure World.

Thanks for any leads you can give me.

Sincerely,

Hildegarde Howard Wylde
Chief Curator of Science Emeritus
Natural History Museum of L.A.County

NEWSLETTER

Writers and Publishers Club

LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA 92653

JULY 1979 Vol. 5 No. 7 PUBLISHED MONTHLY Editor: Olivia Grillo (830-8568)

NEXT MEETING JULY 12
CH 4, Multipurpose Room, 7:30 PM

Mrs. Myra Neben will be our speaker for the July 12 meeting.

Myra Neben has a degree from Ohio University and a Master's in Education from Northeastern University in Boston.

She worked with the Cleveland Press, spent some time in Germany, and on her return to the United States became a reporter for the Peabody Times in Massachusetts. Later she moved to Maryland where she was the news editor of a weekly newspaper in the Washington D.C. area.

Her latest move brought her to California. She has been working in Leisure World since 1977 and is at present the news editor of our Leisure World paper.

She will not talk to us of publishing, but will tell us of the pitfalls of working for a newspaper which caters to twenty thousand senior citizens.

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We are happy to welcome to the club several new members:

Emma F. Beck
217 Avenida Sevilla (581-8217)

Marie Dean
5499-2G Paseo del Lago W. (915-0953)

Frank Ramsden (845-3669)

Max L. Weiker
638-A Avenida Sevilla (770-6421)

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MEMO from Alice Devroye

A history of the Writers and Publishers Club, to be included in the history of Leisure World, is being prepared by club historian, Alice Devroye. A section entitled "Meet Some of Our Writers,"is to be included.

Alice asks any published writer to send her a list of all published material giving the title and the publication in which each has appeared. Please include the name of any writers group of which you are a member.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those who were unable to attend the June meeting will have a chance to hear Dr. Mildred Miller again in January. Her talk on copyright laws from the inception many years ago to the present day, was a revelation to many of us. She will review some of the points she made at our last meeting and will bring in new information.

If anyone has the idea that it is a boring subject you should have seen the rapt attention of her audience, and heard the questions that Dr. Miller answered so clearly.

The deadline for the Poetry Contest is now past, so get out your typewriters for the Prose Contest. Joe Rosenzweig informs me that the response for poetry was quite good up to three weeks before the deadline, but he hoped for more, and I hope more did get in before July 1st.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining our club, remember that the dues from now until the first of the year are $2.50. The club is growing(slowly but it is growing) and we would like to see many more interested writers at our meetings.

Our little library, held by Alice Devroye, now contains the book on Social Security laws and benefits which Robert Walden wrote and kindly presented to the club. Anyone may borrow it from Alice.

We hope to see all of you at the July 12 meeting. Remember there will be no meeting in August.

Please wear your name tags.

Margaret Jones.

"PLEASE GRAN'MA! BURN YOUR CONFESSION STORY, DON'T PUBLISH IT!"

WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS CLUB
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M/M Henry Wylde
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'Rare bird' named Leisure Worlder

Hildegarde Wylde is honored for month of July

Hildegarde Howard Wylde found it a bit disconcerting a while back when the Leisure World adult education class in Russian was discontinued.

You may wonder why the chief curator emeritus of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, with more than 150 published paleontological studies to her credit, would bother to acquire a new language at this stage of her life.

"Because," says Mrs. Wylde, "one of the latest studies on fossil birds is written in Russian and has yet to be translated into English."

As recent proof of her world acceptance as a foremost expert on fossil birds, Hildegarde was asked to author a chapter on "Aves" in The Encyclopedia of Paleontology which came off the press last November. In case you're interested in adding it to your library, the price is a mere $90.

Mrs. Wylde has been chosen to be Rossmoor Corporation's Leisure Worlder of the Month for July. Her host of friends are invited to assemble in the Rossmoor New Sales Pavilion at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, for the informal ceremony when her color portrait will be hung there in a place of prominence. It will remain on display until August 1. Then, in another ceremony, it will be presented to her.

Hildegarde's rise to world fame as an avian paleontologist embraced 33 years with the Natural History Museum where in 1928 she started doing such things as cataloguing and on rainy days, dusting skeletal exhibits of mammals. Along the way she became curator of avian paleontology and eventually chief curator, division of science. Her prolific scientific writings attracted world attention.

It was at the museum that she met her artist-husband, Henry. "Our work threw us into close proximity, especially when we dusted such fossils as saber-toothed tigers," she says, her eyes crinkling with mirth.

"That's where our romance began," adds Henry. They were married in 1930.

The Wyldes still work together. His painting and photography complement Hildegarde's continuing study of bird fossils. "Hildegarde usually has a pair of calipers in her hand measuring some new-found fossil," says Henry who describes his painting as "on the abstract side."

Mrs. Wylde says her swing from vertebrate to avian paleontoloty seemed to come naturally although she recalls that her master's thesis was on "The Fossil Turkey" whose bones were exhumed from the famous Rancho La Brea tarpits.

Born in Washington, D. C., she came to California with her parents at an early age. When she enrolled in what was known as University of California Southern Branch (now UCLA) her intent was to follow in the footsteps of her author-father and study journalism.

"My father used to tell me fascinating stories about dinosaurs and I'm sure that subconsciously directed my destiny. Dr. Loye Miller, one of my instructors, who played an early role in the fossil discoveries at Rancho La Brea, had much to do with my decision to go into paleontology. And he introduced me to fossil birds," says Hildegarde.

In addition to continuing her extensive writings since moving to Leisure World, Mrs. Wylde has found time to join the Audubon Society, Naturalists Club, the Writers and Publlshers Club and the Historical Society. Her article on local life millions of years ago in the first Leisure World History journal has won high praise.

In 1961 Soroptimist International, Miracle Mile Chapter (Los Angeles) made her an honorary member. As a result Mrs. Wylde has been active in the Laguna Hills chapter and currently is its vice president.

Four of her latest published articles have been on fossils discovered right here in Leisure World.

Hildegarde Howard Wylde is indeed a Rara Avis of the Rarae Aves!

Hildegarde Wylde

Bulletin Board

MEETINGS

Thursday, June 26: 9 a.m. Third - Ad Hoc Budget Committee, 9 a.m. Mutual 35 regular monthly meeting.

Tuesday, July 1: 9:30 a.m. **GRF regular monthly meeting, 2 p.m. Third - Capital Improvements Committee.**

Wednesday, July 2: 10 a.m. **United - Community Relations Committee.**

Thursday, July 3: 2 p.m. **Leisure World SACC Planning Committee.**

FROM TV 6

On Wednesday, July 2, Milt Nathanson, first vice president of the Golden Rain Foundation, will appear on Administrative Chat with Bruce Hampton, community information manager, at 9:30 a.m. The show's subject will be the future of Aliso Creek and West Creek.

Please call in your questions to 951-2295 before or during the show. For your convenience, each week's show is rerun the following Thursday at noon.

FROM LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

From time to time we become aware that factual pieces of information become distorted to the point that harm or concern results. It seems that just such a "rumor" is among us as indicated by a recent call asking if it was really true that the Laguna Hills Water Co. was going to shut off water to the Leisure World Golf Course this summer. We can assure you that no such thing was ever planned, nor will it happen.

It is true that the Laguna Hills Water Company provides effluent water for use on the 27-hole golf course. No interruption of that service is expected. The water company does have plans to drain and remove sludge from its main settling pond sometime in the late fall. During that shutdown, water will be provided from the three large reservoirs located near our mainenance facility off Moulton Parkway.

FROM MAINTENANCE

Southern California Edison personnel will be in the community on July 1 placing insulating blankets on 30 water heaters in Fifth Laguna Hills Mutual. The crew will be available to place an additional 100 or so blankets on the water heaters of other residents who didn't receive the service previously. If you do not presently have one of the energy saving devices on your water heater and are interested, call the Service Desk at 951-2344. Service will be on a first come basis.

FROM RECREATION - 1981 RESERVATIONS

1981 Reservations for special parties and functions at the various clubhouses will be taken Tuesday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clubhouse 1, dining room 1. Between 1 and 4 p.m. reservations will be

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Gay 90's

To the Editor
Leisrure World News

A hearty vote of thanks for the "Gay Nineties" party for all of us who have reached the age of 90 or above. Thanks to Richard Way and Jan Burroughs for sponsoring the event, and thanks to the board of directors of the Institute for Living for their service as hosts and hostesses.

I believe there were more than 60 "Gay Nineties" residents present and we all were made to feel genuinely at home by the warmth and informality of our hosts.

The food was delicious and we are looking forward to another party

our voices to those others who are unhappy about the denuding of our area. We were first alerted to the problem by Mr. Charles Bowes in a letter in the June 5 edition of the News.

We have been told that you, the board, because there were few if any complaints about the trees at your meeting, take that as a sign that we are not concerned. Until the massacre of the trees at the corner of Sevilla and Majorca, we had no idea of what you had in mind. If this is a sample of your plans, the results will be that the area will look like a barren government housing project in no time.

Also you raise the question of costs as a main consideration. If the

Prose pros

The winners of the Writers and Publishers Club prose competition were announced recently by Al Potter, contest chairman. Pictured from left are Frances Commons, first prize; Sylvia Mayes, second prize and Dorothy Peterson, third prize. Honorable mentions were won by Frank LaClave, Hildegarde Wylde and Dr. Julius Beck. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend the club's regular meetings, held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 2. U.C. Irvine professor Joseph Bell will discuss writing for magazines at the Jan. 14 meeting.

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Bowerman gets honor

Every year the Photograhic Society of American confers honors upon selected individuals in the society in recognition of their contributions to the advances of the arts and sciences of photography through personal achievement and or service. Honors are announced at the annual Photographic Society of American Internation Convention.

Jeanette Bowerman

This year Mrs. Jeanette Riggins Bowerman of 3045-N Via Serena South was made a Fellow of the Photographic Society of America.

Her award reads as follows:

"For her enthusiastic promotion of travel photography through teaching, writing, lecturing and demonstrations, for her skill in organizing and conducting travel tours for the Society, and for her contributions to the development of PSA's Photo-Travel Division."

Mrs. Bowerman has been a member of this organization since 1962, serving in many cpaacities. She and her husband were instrumental in the formation of the society's 8th division, Photo-Travel. They are currently co-chairmen of the society's tour program, planning and leading photographic tours throughout the world.

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Hello Savings

Foreign Policy topic focuses on Poland

The Foreign Policy Association discussion group which meets in the Conference Room in Clubhouse 5 will hold tis first 1982 session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Members will consid- ...ther continued

Dr. Walter Weiss
394-C Castilla
Corrected copy
sent to Sue
Nov. 7, 1988

Although we did not move to Leisure World until 1968, we were much interested in the development several years before, when the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles where my husband and I worked, received notice of the discovery of bones of fossil birds and whales during excavations here in 1964. About that same time, a very good friend of ours, Robert Perdue, moved here and spoke glowingly of the buildings, the environment and the people. Soon after "Bob" invited us to visit him. We accepted and were thoroughly convinced that this was the place to spend our "Leisure Years."

In the sales office we met Millie Frost who spent much time with us describing the new areas of development. We selected one, which was still only on paper, near gate 5. We liked the situation so well we signed up for two adjacent ~~manors~~ manors with a door to be made between. This provided, in addition to our usual living quarters, ~~the other~~ an area for my study and Henry's art studio, as well as an extra bedroom and bath for visiting relatives or friends. We moved in just after New Years in 1968.

BY Hildegarde Wylde (Mrs. Henry Anson WYlde)

Although we did not move to Leisure World until January, 1968, we had several reasons to be interested in the new development: 1. A long time friend, Robert Perdue, moved here

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contains rules for submitted for prose contest deadline Oct 31

NEWSLETTER

LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA 92653

SEPTEMBER 1988 - VOLUME 14 - NUMBER 8 - EPH ROBECK, EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will vote on our bylaws at our SEPTEMBER 8th meeting, so please come and make your vote count. We must have at least 34 members present for a quorum. We meet, as usual, at 7:30 PM in the ART GALLERY of CLUBHOUSE I.

Our speaker of the evening will be ELAINE RUBENSTEIN, Editor of "THE ELEPHANT EAR" of Irvine Valley College. She will present the history and editorial process of that community journal and the background of some of the writers published. She will also recite some of her poetry. Each member family will receive a free copy of the current ELEPHANT EAR edition. See page 2 for more on teacher-poet-editor ELAINE RUBENSTEIN.

At our THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 meeting DOROTHY FARMER will be selling tickets to our OCTOBER 6 MERCURY SAVINGS LUNCHEON MEETING. Professor MARJORIE C. LUESEBRINK, of the Irvine Valley College School of Arts, Languages and Humanities, will be our luncheon speaker. She is knowledgeable, charming and a delight to hear. Don't miss it! Time of the luncheon is 11:30 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 at the MERCURY SAVINGS building. Ticket price is $3.50. Please pay by check or cash in the EXACT amount. If ordering by mail, please include a SASE with your check. DOROTHY FARMER'S address: 955-E Calle Aragon. 855-1463.

DR. KATHRYN HANSEN, our VICE PRESIDENT, has resigned her post due to reasons of health. She tried to do what she could and I thank her for her efforts in our behalf. DAVE BLODGETT has agreed to serve as VICE PRESIDENT for the remainder of this term.

We need members. Those of you in the creative writing classes should bring our club to the attention of Leisure World students who have not yet joined. We hope that "Readers World," our Prose and Poetry Contests and meetings of interest to writers will be an attraction. Some of you may not know that your current membership card will give you a 10% discount at the AMERICAN STANDARD OFFICE SUPPLY, whose generosity makes possible the xeroxing of our NEWSLETTERS. We should not be hesitant in publicizing our Club to others.

---BURTON WITKOVSKY

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Poetry awards

The Leisure World Writers and Publishers Club Poetry Contest was held July 14 in the Clubhouse 1 art gallery. Ten of 24 entries received awards. From left to right: Mary Gordon, first; Sophie Bingham, second place tie; Burt Witkovsky, second honorable mention; Dr. Ciwa Griffiths, second place tie; Marie M. Dean, third place tie; Laura Stone, third place tie; Virginia E. Smith, third place tie and Rose Carter, honorable mention. Not shown: John Zimbeck, third honorable mention; and Delna Arthur, third place tie. The Writers and Publishers Club meets on the second Thursday of each month (except August) at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse 1 art gallery.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR 1988 POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

TEN WINNERS SHARE THE PRIZES IN WRITERS & PUBLISHERS 1988 POETRY CONTEST

At the July 14 meeting all of the winning poems were read and Poetry Chairman JEAN BROKAW presented awards to:

FIRST ($75) - Mary Gordon - YESTERDAY'S DREAMS
SECOND (tie $50) - Sophie Bingham - MY DARLING
SECOND (tie $50) - Ciwa Griffiths - TO MY FRIEND WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
THIRD (tie $25) - Marie Dean - SOMEONE IS WAITING
THIRD (tie $25) - Virginia Smith - NO ELDERS WATCH SUSANNAS
THIRD (tie $25) - Laura Stone - AFTERGLOW
THIRD (tie $25) - Delna Arthur - PROMISES
1st HONORABLE MENTION - Rose Carter - WHEN MUSIC REIGNS
2nd HONORABLE MENTION - Burt Witkovsky - MATERNAL NIGHT
3rd HONORABLE MENTION - John Zimbeck - SINNER OR SAINT?

All ten poems were published in a special edition of the NEWSLETTER, which was distributed to members at the meeting.

MORE ABOUT OUR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING AND SPEAKER ELAINE RUBENSTEIN

ELAINE RUBENSTEIN, Irvine Valley College teacher, poet and editor, graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA degree in 1972 and a MFA degree in Poetry from UC Irvine in 1980. She has published in the VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW, POETRY and other literary journals.

DOROTHY FARMER, Membership Chairman, has prepared new name tags. Please wear yours at our meetings and return them to her as you leave. We should get to know each other. Who knows? Some great friendships may result.

WANTED: PROSE CONTEST ENTRIES
REWARD: LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH

It's time to end your summer dozing and start composing your best prose for only TWO months remain in W&P's annual Prose Contest.

Chairman MARY PISCHKE asks members to follow these rules:

-One entry per member of a typed double-spaced manuscript not to exceed 1,500 words.

-No previously published material. Photocopies acceptable. Neatness, grammar and spelling will count.

-Author's name MUST NOT appear on any page. A SASE must accompany entry. This will identify you and will be used to return manuscripts.

-Deadline is 10:30 PM Oct. 31, 1988

-PRIZES: First, $75; second, $50; third, $25. Three Honorable Mention Certificates will be awarded.

-Judges are anonymous W&P members.

-Mail or deliver entries to:

MARY PISCHKE
292-C Avenida Sevilla

Telephone: 586-9662

REMEMBER! ALL YOU NEED IS WRITING TALENT - NOT LUCK!

- W&P Club poet VIRGINIA SMITH was interviewed recently on CH 6. She will give a reading of her poetry at 2 PM, September 15 at the University Park Library, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine.

- On August 25th WRITER'S WORLD in the LEISURE WORLD NEWS published DAVE BLODGETT'S investigative article debunking the electronic angel which appeared on a Mt. Shasta woman's TV screen. After thousands paid homage to this supernatural manifestation, an electronics specialist proved that the image was caused by a faulty capacitator and low voltage.

Let's Welcome new W&P Club Member:

ANN KAUFMANN - 3500 2E Bahia Blanca W
Tele: 581-8113

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TO THE EDITOR, LEISURE WORLD NEWS
FROM: Hildegarde Wylde

TO THE EDITOR:

May I suggest that the News publish a list of TV Cable stations available to Leisure Worlders-- and the TV dial number? There are at least seven that I can get on my TV, including ESPEN (Channel 23) that Abe Miller (Letters to the Editor, Nov. 20) said he would like to see. It may be a matter of adjustment of the TV set.

Hildegarde Wylde
2045-Q Via Mariposa East

ELECT

Allan Songstad

LAGUNA HILLS CITY COUNCIL

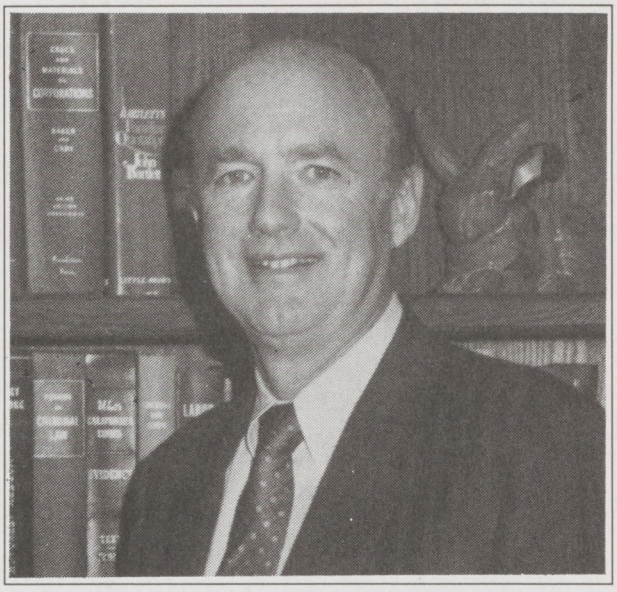
ALLAN SONGSTAD IS COMMITTED TO:

- Retaining our substantial existing tax revenues for use in our community.
- Increasing our police protection and preventing further deterioration of this vital service.
- Controlling further development of our last remaining land.
- Developing parks, recreational facilities, and athletic fields from the surplus generated by our existing tax revenues.
- Controlling the massive amount of traffic moving through Laguna Hills.
- Providing efficient and cost-effective local government.
- Protecting the quality of our life and preventing further mega-cities like Saddleback City from threatening our community.

ALLAN SONGSTAD IS:

- Against the Rossmoor-Forbes Business Park, which will generate 42,000 vehicle trips daily in the vicinity of Moulton Parkway and El Toro Road.
- Against any form of tax increase.
- Against wasteful government spending on such items as a fancy city hall.
- Against a commercial/cargo airport at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Vote YES on Measure "A"



A record of leadership

- One of the founders, and a past co-chariman of "Citizens to Save Laguna Hills."
- One of the principal architects of the cityhood proposal. Argues in favor of Laguna Hills cityhood before Orange County agencies.
- One of the principal representatives who worked closely with county officials and financial consultants to determine the viability of the proposed city government for Laguna Hills.
- Principal spokesman for cityhood working with the residents and leadership of Leisure World, defining the benefits of cityhood for the entire community of Laguna Hills.
- While president of the Nellie Gail Ranch Homeowners Association, the organization achieved a strong financial position while acquiring and developing parks and other recreational facilities.
- Member Consulting, Board of Directors CPC Laguna Hills Hospital.
- A managing partner of the law firm, Meserve, Mumper and Hughes. Arbitrator for Los Angeles County Bar Association.
- Judge Pro Tem of Los Angeles Municipal Court.
- Experienced in management and financial planning.

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2045-Q Via Mariposa East
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
September 5, 1989

The Honorable Christopher Cox
U.S. House of Representatives
Wasington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cox:

Thank you so much for scheduling one of your meetings at Leisure World, Laguna Hills. We not only enjoyed the opportunity of meeting you, but gained so much from your talk and discussion of theqquestions put to you.

I enclose a card that I was about to mail to you, but decided to enclose it here, and add acouple of other items that I think very important.

1. TheLine Item Veto. PLEASEget behind this important issue to prevent this loading of important bills with expensive "gifts" to supporters of members of congress.

2. Reduce the number of years any member of the House or Senate may serve. Long ago Congress sawthe importance of limiting Presidential terms. Now it is definitely time to limit the Congress as well.

With thanks in advance for anything you can do to further these important issues,

Sincerely,

Mildegarde Wylde
(Mrs. Henry Anson Wylde

The card enclosed dealt with H.R. 2699 The Stratosphere Ozone Protection Act
+ prohibit presentable releases of man-made ozone destroying chemicals + ensure development of safe alternatives
This amendment would accelerate the phase out of the worst ozone destroyers by 1993